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SUBJECT: CSCE: AUSTRIAN AIDE MEMOIRE ON INLAND WATERWAY
TRANSPORTATION

REF: SECTO 10008

1. AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR SCHOBBER ON SEPTEMBER 30 PRESENTED
EUR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GOODBY AN AIDE MEMOIRE ON
INLAND WATERWAY TRANSPORTATION IDENTICAL TO THAT
PRESENTED THE SECRETARY BY THE AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER
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ON SEPTEMBER 29. SCHOBBER STRESSED THAT THE IDEA HAD THE
PERSONAL SUPPORT OF CHANCELLOR KREISKY WHO BELIEVED
DISCUSSION OF PRACTICAL ISSUES SUCH AS WATERWAY TRANS-
PORTATION WAS AN IMPORTANT WAY TO FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE FINAL ACT. HE ASKED THAT THE US GIVE POSITIVE
CONSIDERATION TO THE AUSTRIAN IDEA AND HOPED HE WOULD
BE ABLE TO REPORT A US REACTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

2. GOODBY THANKED SCHOBBER FOR THE PRESENTATION, WHICH HE NOTED HAD ALSO BEEN MADE IN NEW YORK. HE POINTED OUT THAT SINCE THE US DID NOT OPERATE INLAND WATERWAY VESSELS IN EUROPE, THE AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL WAS NOT OF DIRECT RELEVANCE TO US. SEVERAL OF OUR NATO ALLIES DID HAVE VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT, HOWEVER, AND OUR APPROACH TO

THE IDEA WOULD PROBABLY BE DETERMINED TO SOME EXTENT BY THEIR REACTION TO IT. GOODBY NOTED THAT A FURTHER CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE THE FACT THAT THE PROPOSAL PROVIDED NO REAL ROLE FOR THE US. SINCE, AS SCHOBBER WOULD RECALL, THERE HAD BEEN SOME QUESTION ABOUT US AND CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN CSCE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PROCESS, THE US WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER CAREFULLY ITS REACTION TO IDEAS IN WHICH IT COULD NOT DIRECTLY PARTICIPATE.

3. GOODBY STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT THESE WERE PRELIMINARY REACTIONS AND THAT AFTER STUDYING THE QUESTION FURTHER AND AFTER CONSULTING WITH OUR ALLIES, WE WOULD PROVIDE A MORE AUTHORITATIVE REACTION.

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